

IMPORTANT LINKS

Wing Web site

www.501csw.usafe.af.mil

Commander's Suggestion Line

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268-4900 or

501csw.ccactionline

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501st Combat Support Wing

Wing E-News



Stories from around the Wing, AF

AF completes FY12 civilian restructure

Air Force officials announced 4,500 additional positions for elimination as a continuation of its FY12 Civilian Workforce Restructure Jan 11.

Alconbury Fitness Center starts major renovation project

The RAF Alconbury Fitness Center will start work on a five-phase \$4.5 million renovation process with an estimated start date of mid January.

The renovation project, expected to last 9 to 12 month, will occur in all areas of the fitness center; however the facility is scheduled to remain open within current operating hours.

Post office delivers holiday cheer to deployed Airmen

It was well after 11 p.m. when the truck pulled up to the loading dock.

January promotions

Does your spouse want to know about local happenings?

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"One Family — Mission Focused"

The **big** picture What's going on in the wing and the Air Force

I remember one of the first catch-phrases I was introduced to after coming onto active duty; "one constant you can rely on in the Air Force is that things will change". Today this is no different, especially with all of the change that is going on not only within the Air Force, but across our nation and the entire world. But even with this change there is another constant that we can rely on in a time of need and that is the 501st Combat Support Wing Family.

The current changes I believe affect us the most deal with the resources we are provided in order to accomplish our mission, specifically manpower and funding. First and foremost, the people we work with every day are the wing's most valuable asset, and these assets are being affected on numerous fronts. From such initiatives as leaning the U.S. civilian and military workforce to how we fill the current local national

positions. Secondly there are the changes to our funding resources being provided now and in the foreseeable future. The changes are not only occurring for the U.S. government but also with our U.K. host nation counterparts. The new funding catch-phrase of efficiency drills is limiting how much money we expect to receive over the next few years and how we will spend those limited funding resources to accomplish the mission.

Now, given the changes that are occurring on these two important fronts we must never forget that we are not alone. Not only are all wings across the Air Force and U.S. Air Forces in Europe dealing with these same issues, there are seven installations across the 501st CSW. In most cases we have counterparts within the wing that can be used as a valuable resource. We cannot forget to use these local resources for things such as gain-

ing advice on a problem or issue, learning new and innovative ways to accomplish the mission, or even to borrow other resources to ensure the mission continues. Talk to these people and communicate with them to help foster great working relationships that could benefit more than just the local group.

In the end, there are many facets of our daily work lives that are changing around us and this article is not meant to focus on the negative aspects of these changes. The true meaning is that there is always a way to work through things and a valuable resource may be closer than you may think.

- Maj. Gleason

422nd CES/CC
RAF Croughton

Going Local: Base Community Events

RAF Menwith Hill



- Youth soccer registration is now open. The first game of the season is Jan. 24. for more information call 262-7554.
- The fitness center has a Scottish Country Dance Class Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.

RAF Croughton



- Community Bank will be closed Jan. 18 for staff training. For more information call 236-8397.
- The 5/6 Club is hosting a free Venetian Masquerade Ball Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Crown. For more information call 236-8039.
- Outdoor Recreation now offers paintball. Cost is \$35 for four hours and includes all the equipment.
- Additional spin, ab-tastic and circuit classes have been added to the fitness center. For more information on fitness classes call 236-8449.

RAF Alconbury



- The AAFES Car Care Center will be selling fuel only Jan. 15. The Shoppette will be closed Jan. 15 for annual inventory and will be open from 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Jan. 16.
- The Stukeley Inn has Bingo Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. There are \$500 guaranteed in cash payouts.
- ITT has a trip to Stoke-on-Trent Jan. 21 at 7 a.m. Cost is £22 and covers transportation only.
- The Human Resources Office is holding a job fair at from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Stukeley Inn.
- Outdoor recreation is offering paintball Jan. 21 and youth paintball Jan. 27. For more information call 268-3734.
- The bowling alley has a King of the Hill Singles Tournament Jan. 27. To register call the bowling alley at 268-3682.
- ITT has a trip to Cadbury World Jan. 28 at 8:30 a.m. Cost is £19 for adults, £16 ages 3 - 14 and £10 ages under 2. Cost covers transportation only.

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Right time, right place

Emma Bell, an Menwith Hill Station child development program assistant, plays with Delaney Wheeler, age 1, at the CDC, Jan. 6. Bell performed life-saving abdominal thrusts on Delaney after food became stuck in her throat Jan. 4. Delaney is the child of Becky and Tech. Sgt. Justin Wheeler, 421st Air Base Group. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Todd Wivell)



Spear Phishing

An e-mail fraud attempt that targets a specific organization or group of individuals, seeking unauthorized access to sensitive data. Spear phishing attempts are not typically initiated by random hackers, but are more likely to be conducted by perpetrators out for financial gain, trade secrets or military information.

Safeguarding against Spear Phishing

During the holidays there always seems to be an increase in spear phishing attempts. Since there is always the risk of being subjected to online and e-mail scams, here are four ways you can protect yourself if

you think that email from a friend is really a phishing attempt:

- Make sure your login and password is secure - a hack-proof password makes it less susceptible to regular phishing attempts.
- Change your passwords monthly - while it can be hard to remember passwords that are changed frequently, doing so helps ensure their security.
- Check the e-mail source - CNN recommends clicking on "show original" in Gmail that allows you to view the original source of the email. If you see lines of text that are letters and numbers, that code can signify a phishing scam.
- If you're uncertain, contact the sender directly if you can, and validate that they actually sent the message before you open it.

Wing Calendar

(A) Alconbury (C) Croughton
(F) Fairford (M) Molesworth (U) Upwood
(MH) Menwith Hill (W) Welford (S) Stavanger

15	16 Martin Luther King Federal Holiday	17 CC Call (A)	18 CC Call (MH) Bank Closed (C)	19	20 Medical Clinic Closed (C)	21 ITT Trip to Lord of the Dance (C)
22 CDC Winter Wonderland (A)	23	24	25 Job Fair (A) Dorm Dinner (C)	26	27 Burns Night (C)	28 ITT Trip to Cadbury World (A)